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**FOR: OPTICAL RECORDING METHOD USING
MULTIPLEXER AND PLURAL PIECES OF
DATA BITS (AS AMENDED)**

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LETTER TO THE OFFICE DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

Submitted herewith are replacement drawings for Figures 3-6 and 15 indicating wherein Figures 3-6 and 15 are being marked with the legend "PRIOR ART." Applicants respectfully request that acknowledgement and approval of the above-mentioned changes be made via the next communication from the USPTO.

Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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